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1. FONMIN ANTONIO JOSE LUCIO PAREDES FEBRUARY 6 REQUESTED ME TO TRANSMIT REPLY FROM PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S LETTER ON FEBRUARY 11 ENERGY CONFERENCE.
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ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY POUCH. EMBASSY INFORMAL TRANSLATION

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FOLLOWS:

QUITO, FEBRUARY 1, 1974

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I TAKE PLEASURE IN REPLYING TO YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 9, 1974, IN WHICH YOU INFORM ME OF THE INVITATION SENT TO THE MAJOR PETROLEUM-CONSUMING COUNTRIES, TO ATTEND A MEETING TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 11, 1974. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT ECUADOR, ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE AND AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE OPEC, HAS EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRESENT ENERGY CRISIS AND THE NEED TO SPONSOR A CLOSER APPROACH BETWEEN THE PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS OF HYDROCARBONS, TO CAREFULLY REVIEW THE SITUATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET AND TO INITIATE A SERIES OF UNDERSTANDINGS WHICH, ON THE BASIS OF EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BENEFITS OF WORLD TRADE, MAY ACHIEVE A JUST BALANCE BETWEEN DIVERSE INTERESTS.

I THEREFORE FEEL THAT A FAVORABLE CLIMATE SHOULD BE CREATED IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE REASONABLE UNDERSTANDINGS WHICH, BY OVER-COMING CONFLICTING INTERESTS, WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO FIND JUST SOLUTIONS TO THESE SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY,
/S/GENERAL GUILLERMO RODRIGUEZ LARA,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR

2. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS PETROLEUM ADVISER AND OPEC GOVERNOR SEVILLA BORJA TOLD EMBOFF WE SHOULD TAKE PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ' LETTER AS POSITIVE ECUADOREAN ENDORSEMENT OF THE PROCESS OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN OIL IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS. HE SAID ECUADOR WAS AMONG PROPONENTS OF A DIALOGUE AT LAST OPEC CONFERENCE WHILE ALGERIA, LIBYA AND IRAQ ONLY CONCEDED WITH RELUCTANCE THAT AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION COULD BE WORTH-WHILE. HE THOUGHT AN EXTRAORDINARY UN SESSION ON ENERGY PRO-BABLE, SAID ECUADOR WILL NOT OPPOSE A GLOBAL MEETING BUT SMALLER GROUPS WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE.

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3. THE KIND OF PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE SEVILLA HAS IN MIND WOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO DISCUSSION OF PRESENT PETROLEUM PRICES, HOWEVER. (ON HIS RETURN FROM OPEC CONFERENCE SEVILLA TOLD PRESS EMPHATICALLY THAT ECUADOREAN CRUDE PRICE WILL NOT COME DOWN.) IT WOULD INCLUDE SUCH SUBJECTS AS ACCESS AND PRICING OF THE GOODS OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND THE DC'S ROLE IN HELPING THE OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO INDUS-TRIALIZE. IN OTHER WORDS, DIALOGUE WOULD CONCERN THE

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THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH PETROLEUM EXPORTERS WOULD AGREE
TO COOPERATE WITH CONSUMERS IN THE FUTURE.
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